

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) FOR
MECHANICAL PLACER MINING IN ALASKA

General Permit No.: **AKG-37-0000**

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the "Act":

Owners and operators of Mechanical Placer Mines except those sites excluded from coverage in Part I. of this NPDES permit, are authorized to discharge only in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other provisions set forth herein.

**A COPY OF THIS GENERAL PERMIT MUST BE KEPT AT THE SITE OF THE
PLACER MINE AT ALL TIMES.**

XS Platinum, Inc.

Salmon River

This permit will become effective on October 7, 2005.

This permit and the authorization to discharge this permit shall expire at midnight on October 7, 2010.

Signed this 24th day of August, 2005.

s./s Robert R. Robichaud for
Michael F. Gearheard
Director
Office of Water & Watersheds

Signed this 6th day of October, 2005.


Michael F. Gearheard
Director
Office of Water & Watersheds

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

July 30, 2010

Reply To
Attn Of: OWW-130

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mark Balfour
XS Platinum, Inc.
1424 Fourth Avenue, Suite 515
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Coverage under the General Permit for Placer Mining in Alaska (GP)
AKG-37-0852 Salmon River

Dear Mr. Balfour:

Enclosed is a copy of your GP authorizing wastewater discharges to Salmon River in Alaska. Please note that this permit is valid only for the receiving water that is on the front cover of the permit. A move to another receiving water or an operation on a different receiving water is not covered by this permit.

Please note the monitoring and reporting requirements of the permit. An annual report is due to EPA by January 31 of each year for the previous year's activities. This report must include any monitoring results or a report of "No Mining" or "No Discharge," whichever is applicable.

This general permit expires in October 2010. By applying for and receiving coverage prior to this expiration date, your facilities will be covered by the GP during its administrative extension which will last until it is reissued. When the draft GP is offered for public review and comment, all applicants will receive a notice of its availability. If, during this time, you no longer need coverage under the general permit, please inform EPA so that your permit can be inactivated and you will no longer be responsible for the requirements of the permit. Also, if you move to another address, please keep EPA informed. This will result in your receiving any reminders for reporting and/or renewing the general permit.

If you have technical questions regarding this permit please contact Cindi Godsey in our Anchorage office at (907) 271-6561 or toll free in Alaska at (800) 781-0983.


Sincerely,

Cindi Godsey
for Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosure

cc: Ashley Anderson - ADEC/Fairbanks
Jack Kerin - ADNR/Fairbanks

**APPENDIX A
MECHANICAL PLACER MINING PERMIT: AKG-37-0000
NOTICE OF INTENT INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME	XS Platinum, Inc.		PREVIOUS NPDES PERMIT NUMBER (if any) 713 AKG-37-0 852
ADDRESS	<u>SUMMER</u> Suite 515 1424 Fourth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101	<u>WINTER</u> Suite 515 1424 Fourth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101	WATER THAT THE FACILITY DIRECTLY DISCHARGES TO (Receiving Water): Salmon River
PHONE	(206) 515-9999	(206) 515-9999	
OPERATOR NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as Permittee			PLEASE PROVIDE A DRAWING OF YOUR OPERATION ON THE BACK OF OR ATTACHED TO THE NOI SHEET THAT IS SUBMITTED
ADDRESS	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>WINTER</u>	
PHONE			
FACILITY NAME: Platinum Creek Mine	Is your facility located in an area National Parks System Units (i.e., Parks and Preserves), National Monuments, Sanctuaries, Wildlife Refuges, Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, or Critical Habitat Areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N If yes, Which?		LATITUDE N 58.92747
NEAREST TOWN: Platinum			LONGITUDE W 161.72617
MINING DISTRICT: Goodnews Bay		New Source? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N (e.g. virgin ground)	
QUAD MAP, TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION Hagemeister Island, D-6 T 15 S, R 75 W, S 12		MERIDIANS: <input type="checkbox"/> Umiat <input type="checkbox"/> Kateel <input type="checkbox"/> Fairbanks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seward <input type="checkbox"/> Copper River	
For Mixing Zone information please contact: ADEC, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709			
Type of Operation:	Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> No discharge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharge	or Hydraulicking <input type="checkbox"/> No discharge only	Amount of Material Processed: 600,000 cubic yd
SIGNATURE: 		DATE: July 23, 2010	
PRINTED NAME: MARK BALFOUR - E.V.P. XS PLATINUM INC.			
I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.			

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